## Job Announcement INVASIVES SPECIES TECHNICIAN (LIMITED TERM EMPLOYEE) With The

## Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Recreation Department

**LOCATION**: Oneida County, WI. Reporting work station (Rhinelander, Wisconsin)

RATE OF PAY: \$15.29/Hour

**SURVEYING FOR TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES:** (40%) Surveying designated high public use areas of the County Forest and County Forest Park Systems for the purposes of documenting the location of terrestrial invasive plant species. Creating detailed maps using hand held GPS units showing locations of all invasive species found during survey. Updating computerized forest reconnaissance databases and maps to reflect results of surveys.

**CONDUCT CONTROL/ERADICATION ACTIVITIES:** (40%) Eradication, to the extent possible, of any terrestrial invasive plant species that are either known to exist on the County Forest, and/or have been located as a result of the above described survey. Eradication methods may include hand pulling, cutting of stems using hand tools, power brush cutters and chainsaws and treating with approved herbicides.

**DEVELOP INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN: (20%)** Using data collected in the surveys, develop a comprehensive management plan regarding prevention and control of invasive plant species found on the Oneida County Forest property.

QUALIFICATIONS: A bachelor's degree or entering Senior year in Agriculture, Horticulture, Biology or a related Natural Resources field with course work relating to identification of and control of terrestrial invasive plant species, or an Associate's degree in a related field with course work in the identification of and control of terrestrial invasive plant species, or 2 years of practical work experience in the identification and control of terrestrial invasive plant species. Knowledge and experience working with the following computer software: ArcGIS 10X, and Microsoft Office. A pesticide applicator's license or certificate is desirable but not required. Must have experience collecting data using handheld GPS units and downloading the data to GIS mapping software. Must be willing to work outside under harsh environmental conditions, possess the ability to work independently, lift moderate weight, walk long distances on un-even ground, and communicate effectively with public. Must possess a valid Wisconsin Drivers License throughout employment, and be experienced with the operation of chainsaw, ATV, and 4-wheel drive pick-up truck.

**EMPLOYMENT DATES**: Maximum length of employment approximately **600 hours**. The position starting and ending dates are flexible. Suggested employment dates: **May 30, 2016** – **September 16, 2016**. The actual starting date will determine the end date of employment.

**HOUSING:** Oneida County does not provide housing for employees. Potential employees will need to obtain housing within commuting distance of Rhinelander, WI.

**APPLICATION:** Applications are available at the Rhinelander Northern Advantage Job Service Office at 51A N. Brown St., Rhinelander, WI 54501 (715) 365-1500 or at www.co.oneida.wi.gov. **Completed applications are due at the Job Service Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016**. Contact the Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Recreation Department at (715) 369-6140 if you have any questions pertaining to the job description.